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## GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING

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### DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

**Filipino and Mexican Reports**—The American Legion convention in San Diego this month passed a resolution asking the Department of Industrial Relations to report on the Filipino problem in California. Preliminary work was commenced on such a survey several weeks ago. It is expected the report will be ready by the end of the year. So many inquiries have reached the department about Filipino immigration that the information herein given will prove of interest. A number of months ago Governor Young appointed a Mexican Fact-Finding Committee, composed of the directors of the Departments of Industrial Relations, Social Welfare and Agriculture. The gathering of the facts has taken time and has been done in a most painstaking manner. The present outlook is that by November or December there will be in the hands of the Governor a report on the Mexican population in this State, and it is hoped the document will be printed for general distribution.

**Fewer Appeals**—The court records show a reduction in the number of appeals from the Industrial Accident Commission's decisions. This is gratifying, and shows that, as the years go on, the legal lines laid down by the courts are becoming better known. Appeals must be made either to the Appellate Courts or to the Supreme Court of the State. There were 72 petitions for writs of review during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, as against 104 in the preceding year, and 114 two years ago. Only ten annulments or modifications of the Commission's awards were ordered by the courts. During the year 4995 original decisions were made by the Commission, and 1793 supplemental decisions, a total of 6788, all subject to review.

**Employment in July**—The State Employment Agencies placed 14,429 persons during July, as compared to 12,590 in June, an increase of 1839, or 14.6 per cent. Last month's record exceeded that of July of last year by 669. The Hollister seasonal employment office was closed on August 15th; it was opened on June 15th. During the two months 1173 men and women were placed, as against 646 during the 1928 seasons. The apricot crop was exceptionally large in the district this year. Conferences are being held with the authorities of the City of Berkeley in the expectation that a State Employment Agency will be opened on a co-operative basis, the city aiding by grouping all the semi-private agencies under the one roof and furnishing quarters and clerical help. University professors are interested. This division of cost and centralization of effort, plus especial emphasis on placement, is likely to prove a worthwhile experiment.

**Employment Difficulties**—The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry is conferring with employers about the age limits for employees. More than 2000 employers have agreed to either abolish or raise the limitations, and, wherever possible, not to refuse employment because of age alone. Henry Ford has announced that there will be no age limits in his plants, and that the policy of individual fitness will govern. California has no statistical information on the percentage of causes that it is alleged induce employers to dis-

criminate on the age basis. The Department of Industrial Relations has not issued publicity in this connection. The State of Michigan has made a survey and reports that more accidents occur among the younger workers than in the older groups. The group over 65 is said to have a personal injury frequency 147 per cent lower than the 20 to 24 year group, and 112 per cent lower than the 25 to 44 year group. Strange as it may seem, the Michigan figures show more deaths and permanent injuries among the younger employees, and this is supported by the record for the years from 20 to 24. This upholds the contention that experience, ability and carefulness are more apt to follow the years. The "individual fitness" theory is worth cultivating.

**Wage Claims Predominate**—The Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement received 3162 complaints during July, and of this total 2785, or 88 per cent, were wage demands. This percentage remains about the same each month. The large sum of \$88,081.90 was collected for the unfortunate workers, or nearly \$20,000 more than was secured during July of last year. Among those filing wage claims were 17 Sierra County gold miners who were employed to search for the precious metal by those who did not have sufficient means to pay the first week's wages. Visions of huge profits disappear when faced with the unromantic procedure of extracting legal tender from empty pockets. Six promoters were asked to pay \$3,700 in back wages, and of this sum \$2,559 has been promised the unpaid miners.

During the present month of August the licenses of three Oriental employment agencies were suspended. They were mainly engaged in furnishing Filipino labor and operated pool rooms in connection with the agencies. This is illegal. The licenses will be restored when the private employment agency act is obeyed.

**Welfare of Women and Children**—During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the Division of Industrial Welfare received 384 complaints of violations of the minimum wage law, maximum hours of labor, and sanitary conditions in plants where women and minors are employed. The sum of \$14,324.58 was collected and paid to women, after payrolls were checked. There were 2755 payroll and sanitary inspections in the State; 505 weekly payroll audits were made from March until June in the canneries packing spinach and asparagus.

**Labor Laws**—Southern California, and especially the Los Angeles district with its large population, bring much grist to the labor mill. A summary of the outstanding features is worth presenting. The State Employment Agencies invariably report more business in Los Angeles than in any other California city. During last month there were 5094 placements in the southern metropolis. San Francisco came next with 3265, followed by Oakland with 2006. Since July 1, 1928, up to June 30, 1929, the Los Angeles placements totaled 60,653, compared to San Francisco's 33,877, and Oakland's 25,742.

The Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement reports that Los Angeles has a commanding lead in the matter of adjudicating wage disputes. Thus, owing to its ever-growing industrial, commercial, and building activities, the average monthly amount of disputed wages collected in the city is \$25,575, followed by San Francisco's

\$12,700, Long Beach's \$9,419, and San Diego's \$7,710. The average total monthly number of all labor complaints gives Los Angeles 868, as compared to 493 for San Francisco.

Because of the larger number of labor disputes and complaints handled in Los Angeles, the average total monthly number of criminal prosecutions started in the city is 49, as against 22 in San Francisco.

The Industrial Accident Commission reports that a large number of Los Angeles employers are violating the law that requires either compensation insurance to be carried or a certificate to self-insure be secured from the Commission. The church with a pastor or janitor, the trade union with a business agent, the lawyer or doctor with a stenographer or nurse, if without coverage, are just as guilty of law violation as the building contractor with fifty men. Many distressing cases of injuries to employees have been followed by financial inability on the part of employers to meet the obligations under the compensation system. Insurance is the only sure method. In New York State a similar law to that in force in California is causing the authorities to both imprison and fine violators. It is the Commission's intention to ask the courts to be more strict with those employers who pay no heed to the law, and who seem to be willing that widows and injured men shall bear all the burden of industrial accidents.

The aftermath of the recent city election in Los Angeles, in relation to unpaid wage claims, brings

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up possible amendments to the so-called "Purity of Elections Act of 1907." The Department of Industrial Relations has under consideration suggesting that

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- (b) No person to be permitted to incur any expense on account of either a candidate or a committee, or to hire any person, unless authorized to do so in writing by the committee, candidate or the persons in charge of the campaign;
- (c) It shall be a misdemeanor to represent one's self as a member of a campaign committee, without specified authority;
- (d) After the committee has notified the candidate in writing of its organization, he shall, in writing, acknowledge such committee;
- (e) Any individual or member of a campaign committee who shall directly or indirectly engage people to work, or incur obligations in the election, shall be personally, jointly and severally, liable for such obligations;
- (f) Any court to have jurisdiction to pass upon and determine the validity of any claim arising out of an election, to pass upon any violation, and to make orders to be consistent with the law and its amendments.

How Citizens Can Help—Unenforced labor laws are useless. Those laws that are enforced bring excellent returns to the community, as well as to the individuals concerned. It is difficult and sometimes impossible for State officials to cover the necessary ground, and whole-hearted co-operation from all citizens will pay the substantial dividends of fewer industrial deaths and accidents, the installation of safety devices and sanitary appliances,

the observance of minimum hours and wage requirements for women and minors, the payment of wages when due, the satisfaction of knowing that children will have a better chance to acquire the fundamentals of an education, and labor and auto camps that maintain standards which are reasonable and comfortable.

#### LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.

Last Monday the hosts of organized workers of San Francisco, to the number of ten thousand or more, proceeded to California Park to enjoy the day set apart by the government as one of recreation for the men and women of toil. It was a great day, thoroughly enjoyed by those who gathered together and witnessed the games and sports and participated in the dancing.

The feature of the day was the barbecue arranged by the committee, and presided over by butchers and cooks. Sixteen hundred pounds of beef and seven thousand five hundred buns had been prepared in first-class barbecue fashion by men trained in the work for those who desired to try that sort of an outdoor luncheon, and the way this large amount of food was devoured testified as to how well it was relished, particularly by the youngsters, who came back time after time for more.

On the athletic field, too, a great program had been provided, including several world champion athletes, foot racers, shot putters, high jumpers, pole vaulters. Opportunity was also given to the boys and girls to display their ability as runners, jumpers, candy eaters, pie eaters, sack racers, nail drivers, etc., and the audience enjoyed the sport as much as the participants.

So perfect were the arrangements that everything went off like clock-work, there being none of the delays that so frequently mar the pleasure of such occasions, and for this condition of affairs the committees in charge deserve the thanks of the thousands who took part in the celebration. It may be, however, that many did not notice the splendid manner in which things were managed, because when everything goes all right that is the common habit of humanity, yet when things go wrong they are noticeably aware of it.

#### HARMFUL TO TEACHERS.

"We are in grave danger of building up an enormous education-political hierarchy," Dr. Benjamin B. Kendrick, professor of history, North Carolina College for Women, told a group of alumnae of that institution at a meeting.

Dr. Kendrick took a position identical with the American Federation of Teachers, affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, which insists that teachers be free from these machines.

"In practically every city," said the speaker, "we have highly paid executives who are engineering the thing, building up more and more chambers of commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and other civic or political groups.

"If we are to cure the ills of society the only hope is in the schools, schools where the teachers are kept free from such influences as threaten them through this hierarchy."

Judge—Prisoner, have you anything to say? Prisoner—Assuredly, your honor. I desire to state without reserve or circumlocution that the penalty imposed should be in keeping, or as it were, commensurate with my station in life, which has hitherto been of no inconsiderable importance."

Judge—Well, you seem to have a liking for long sentences. Ten years.—Forbes Magazine.

The will has just been proved of a man living in a southwest suburb of London who died last November, in which he left to his wife: "One pair of my trousers, free of duty, and carriage paid, as a symbol of what she wanted to wear in my lifetime, but did not."—English paper.

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**MONTHLY SURVEY OF BUSINESS.****Of the American Federation of Labor.**

For the first time this year industrial production has declined. The summer dull season usually begins in June; this year it did not occur until July. When it came, although production dropped considerably, business in general was less retarded than usual, and was unusually active for July as compared with other years.

Production of iron and steel and automobiles dropped; the steel industry has been catching up on demands and is feeling the usual summer decline in orders; automobile companies have finished the rush of spring production and many are changing models. The cotton textile industry has also curtailed production as is usual in summer.

Several industries have increased. Summer farm products are keeping food packing industries busy; the boot and shoe industry is already picking up, and bituminous coal mines are increasing production to prepare for fall and winter demands.

Although the decline thus far is no more than is usual in the summer dull season, we are still in a critical period. Business in general is especially susceptible to retarding influences in the dull months of July and August. It is uncertain whether business will come back to the high spring level when activity begins again in September, or whether a gradual decline will set in.

A drop in the machine tool industry shows that expansion is not continuing at the former rate, but production is still well above last year. Orders this year have been especially heavy from tractor makers, electrical industries, airplanes and locomotive plants. Steel mills have reduced their unfilled orders for railroad supplies, pipe lines and building steels, and fall production may be at a lower level. This will depend somewhat on demands for automobiles. Fall activity has not yet begun in automobiles.

Buying power of farmers and wage earners is an important factor in the situation. The high price of wheat and corn will help to improve the farmers' buying power and has already increased business confidence. But wheat prices have declined in the last week and cotton prices are lower this year than last, so it is doubtful whether the farmers' buying power will be much higher than last year. Weekly earnings of wage earners in manufacturing average 3.2 per cent above the first 7 months of last year, and it seems questionable whether this increase will be enough to sustain production at the high spring level.

Another factor which makes business uncertain is the high interest rates on money for short time loans. Business men will need money for fall production expenses and the present rates make borrowing difficult.

On the whole, there is much confidence and optimism in business circles and it seems probable that industrial activity will be at a high level this fall although some decline from the spring would not be unlikely. Two important factors have been making for business stability in recent years—steady prices and better transportation. Rising prices tempt manufacturers to over-produce; this year commodity prices have averaged lower than last year. Quick transportation enables store keepers to order goods when they need them instead of laying up unnecessary supplies; transportation has been more efficient than ever this year. Both these factors have helped to keep production adjusted to demand.

A hopeful factor in the present situation is the unexpected rise in building contracts awarded in July. The downward trend of contract awards has stopped suddenly, and the value of contracts rose in July to a point just below the high level of May, 1928. This is the highest July in history and second only to the month of May, 1928. This occurrence is especially striking since July is usually a dull month for building contracts. The largest increase was in the New York-New Jersey district which had suffered particularly in the decline this year.

It is uncertain at present whether this rise indicates a change in the building situation or is merely a temporary increase. Because of the low level of construction this year, needs for new building have accumulated. Although high money rates, which have caused hesitation in building, show no immediate signs of improvement, the increasing need makes building projects more urgent. Whether or not the high level is maintained, this month's increase in contracts will provide more work for wage earners in the fall and winter months when it will be much needed.

The high industrial activity of the first six months of this year has brought large earnings to corporations. The net earnings of 625 corporations averaged 23.8 per cent above the first six months last year, according to a report from the National City Bank, New York. Earnings in manufacturing and trading increased most, averaging 32.5 per cent for 259 firms; 85 utilities increased their earnings 18.4 per cent; 98 telephone and telegraph companies 10.7 per cent. The Bureau of Railway Economics reports that 181 Class 1 railroads increased earnings 22 per cent over the first half year of 1928. In industry, 23 steel companies more than doubled their earnings (103 per cent increase), 9 electrical companies increased earnings more than one-third (36 per cent), 13 machinery companies increased 48 per cent, and 20 petroleum companies 62 per cent.

Wage earners have benefited somewhat by the favorable conditions this year. Earnings in manufacturing increased 3.6 per cent for the first half year, on railroads 2.6 per cent (5 months). Nearly 450,000 more wage earners were employed in manufacturing and 8000 less on the railroads.

Wage earners' progress this year has been checked by heavy layoffs due to the summer dull season. From June 15 to July 15, more than 68,000 men and women were laid off in manufacturing industry according to estimates based on the Bureau of Labor statistics figures. The heaviest layoffs were in the cotton textile industry where over 14,000 were out of work, and in automobiles where 11,000 were laid off in July in addition to the 40,000 in June; the glass industry laid off 5000. The anthracite coal industry declined still further, throwing about 16,000 more out of work, and there were layoffs in retail trade.

Some industries have increased, providing new employment opportunities. Increases in manufacturing employed about 40,000; about 28,000 more were employed in canning, while wholesale trade, hotels and public utilities took on more workers.

Summer layoffs cut seriously into wage earners' income and those who suffer do not always find the new employment opportunities. A recent study of 754 wage earners laid off in industrial plants in three typical cities showed that over half of them were without work for 3 months or more before they found employment. Reports of charity organizations in industrial cities show that layoffs bring many wage earners to charity. Much of the summer employment provided is of a temporary nature, such as work in canning and for summer trade in hotels, and much of it is done by wives and young persons on vacation from school. Wage earners who lose steady jobs through summer layoffs must have serious difficulty in finding permanent employment.

In spite of declines in employment and pay for wage earners in general trade, unions have made several important gains in the last two months.

An agreement of the New York Building Trades Council with the Building Trades Employers' Association gives 115,000 men the five day week and a 10 per cent wage increase, effective August 24, 1929. The Brickmakers in Chicago secured a five day week in June for 3000 members. The Electrical Workers in St. Louis secured a wage increase of 15 cents an hour, from \$1.50 to \$1.65, and the agreement provides disability and life insurance from a fund supported jointly by the union and employers. The agreement covers 6000 members.

The Ladies' Garment Workers in New York

signed an agreement in July providing for supervision of garment shops and establishing a joint commission to investigate problems and make recommendations. This provision marks an important advance in controlling conditions in the industry. The five day week was also granted; 30,000 members are covered.

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**"RUN O' THE HOOK"**

Edited by the President of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21. Members are requested to forward news items to Rm. 604, 16 First Street, San Francisco.

Owing to the large Labor Day edition of last week's Clarion, and the necessity of that issue going to press earlier than usual, this department "failed to make the mail."

The principal item of interest among printers in the past two weeks, and one of real economic seriousness, was the sale of the San Francisco Bulletin to the Hearst interests. On Wednesday, August 28th, announcement was made by the Bulletin that on the following day it would become a part of the San Francisco Call and thus the two oldest papers in the city would become one under the name of the Call-Bulletin. Notwithstanding many previous rumors for some time past as to the sale of the Bulletin, this first authentic news was a distinct shock to the whole newspaper fraternity. About forty members of the Typographical Union are affected by the change—a fact well worthy of note by any reader of this column outside the city who might contemplate coming this way in search of employment. The Bulletin had passed through a long and varied career, which at times had been stormy in the policies it had advocated, and dated from the Vigilante days and James King of William on through the management and editorial direction of Fitch, Pickering, Crothers, Older, as some outstanding names in its history and the life of the city.

E. W. ("Shorty") Weston, former New York-San Francisco commuter, now of the Los Angeles Examiner, is making his semi-occasional visit in San Francisco and meeting the usual hearty reception from many friends.

Keep burning the fires of enthusiasm engendered by Labor Day and resolve on this New Year of Labor to give stronger, more consistent and steady patronage to the union label, card and button.

Roscoe Cole of the Call-Bulletin chapel is on vacation, with the Redwood Highway points as the general direction of travel, and "Chubby" Hedges of the same chapel is a returning vacationist, the time having been spent in the Northwest and visiting relatives at The Dalles.

It is understood that four of the Bulletin linotype machines are being removed to the Call-Bulletin plant, but there is at present no further information as to the disposition of the other mechanical equipment of the paper.

In addition to No. 21's delegates—Messrs. Derry, Dye, Moore and Neilson—the following local members will be in attendance at next week's convention of the I. T. U. in Seattle: President C. M. Baker, Thomas S. Black and Robert Britt of the Examiner, Joseph Benz of the Chronicle, Al Crackton of the Daily News, and George H. Knell, Trustee of the Union Printers Home. Mr. Knell returned last week from the regular meeting of the Home Trustees at Colorado Springs.

The First Bank in the Mission District



THE MISSION BRANCH

David Gloss, well known in San Francisco, and for some years located in the Southwest and Southern California, has again deposited his card with No. 21.

The committee which had in charge the securing of an exhibit of printing for the Seattle convention, as representative of the art in San Francisco, is well pleased with its success, the conditions and handicaps under which it labored, which have heretofore been mentioned, being considered. The exhibit was taken to Seattle by President Baker, and includes some 60 or 70 samples from the plants of John Henry Nash, Gerlach's, Johnck & Seeger, Kibbee & Wallace Co., the Williams Printing Co., Reeves Publishing Co., Atlas Press, James H. Barry Co., and the Dreyfuss Press. A feature of the exhibit that will doubtless attract great interest is a number of border designs which are the product of J. H. ("Doc") Harriman of the Chronicle chapel. The original linotype borders, as finished on the saw, were sent in locked forms, and must be seen to appreciate the artistic merit and the possibilities of the system that has been worked out by Mr. Harriman.

Delegates-elect and visitors to the Seattle convention passing through San Francisco this week have included: Walter E. Ames of Milwaukee, Trustee of the Union Printers Home; Ray B. Dean and wife of San Diego; Adam J. Rosgen, Long Beach; Charles Houck, W. J. Castello, Los Angeles; Nate Newman, New York; and Francis W. Asp, Mt. Morris, Ill.

The members of No. 21 will regret to learn that Mrs. Alice Hawkes-Bennett, the union's reading clerk, and member of the Examiner chapel, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, to undergo an operation. Her condition was reported as not serious, but that she needs constant care, and it is hoped she will be at the desk at the next union meeting. A perfectly planned vacation to the Seattle convention that Mrs. Hawkes-Bennett had long anticipated has thus been spoiled.

**Chronicle Chapel Notes—By C. C.**

Jack Snell has a letter from that famous globe-trotting printer, Arthur Floyd. Mr. Floyd is at present employed on the Brooklyn Eagle and likes it fine there. A portion of the letter, which may prove interesting to some, follows: ". . . This morning I took a trip across the famous Brooklyn Bridge, getting some fine photos of the sky-piercing buildings of Lower Manhattan, center of America's financial exchanges, with its tribe of bulls, bears, lambs, and suckers—quite a few of the latter, I wot. New York City stands as one of the world's most colossal cities, a go-getting, dynamic metropolis that fascinates one, whether you like the city or not. Personally I vote for San

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Francisco, with its Golden Gate Park, cool fogs, nice fish dinners, Market Street, Ferry and the easy camaraderie of its citizens. I am working on the Brooklyn Eagle, day side, and rather like the office, and find the fellows easy to get on with. The scale here is \$65 for day work on newspapers, a 7½ hour day being in vogue. The New York Union (Big Six) is seeking the five-day week, and the chances are they will eventually get it, though

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The writer of these notes has been told that San Diego Federated Trades Council, Oakland Typographical Union and other unions throughout the State have endorsed the following resolution which was adopted by No. 21, and it is hoped that it will be adopted by the State Federation of Labor at its convention: "That candidates for district vice-presidents must bear credentials from the districts they are nominated for, and be elected solely by the votes of the delegates from their respective districts, each district to elect its own vice-president or vice-presidents." The resolution is self-explanatory.

Consider, please, the lot of a certain gentleman of this chapel who invested twenty-five cents in an insect exterminating turtle. This turtle was given a try-out and proved to be a total flop. Take snails, for instance. A few snails were given this dangerous animal; he took a look and withdrew his head from view and the snails went to sleep on his back. Slugs he does not care for, but nice fresh hamburger, ah, that's what he likes. He wants his eats without working for it. Guy Swan is at a loss as what to do to this lazy turtle. Any and all information will be gladly received by him.

Jack Snell also had a letter from A. ("Bolossy") Stewart of New York City. Mr. Stewart worked on the Chronicle a good many years ago. He asks to be remembered to any of his old-time friends of this city. Mr. Stewart is a strong booster for the International Union convention to be held in Montreal. He says the unions of Canada generally

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are certainly in need of publicity and that the convention there will go a long way in improving conditions in Canada as regards to printers.

Dominic Demartini, popular little Italian boy who makes up those sport pages with speed, has been confined to his home after undergoing a somewhat serious operation. We all hope that "De" will be with us again soon.

Malcolm (Captain) Dollar has been showing some covers (that is a technical name given to mailing envelopes by those stamp hounds) that traveled on the Graf Zeppelin around the world. They are very interesting.

Dave Anley is expected back from his long vacation any day now (in fact, he may be back before this is printed). O. K. Swiggert and Harold Hearn both received cards from Dave telling that he was leaving Montreal on the 21st of August.

A very interesting letter from Sinclair Trimble, who is now a resident of the Home, was received last week. Trimble is a sure enough booster for the Home and for the food they serve.

Dave Hughes, that somewhat heavy daytime makeup, or whatever his title may be, is back working after spending some time out of the city on a vacation.

### DEFENDS LOW WAGES.

Homer Ferguson, president Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, assured the Institute of Public Affairs that long hours and low pay in Southern textile mills "are unavoidable at this stage of development."

He opposed unionization and cited his plant that "manages to survive and succeed without the unions and without strikes."

He questioned the value of organization of workers and declared that "unionization is not the universal and complete panacea the American Federation of Labor would have you believe." The speaker quoted no authoritative trade unionist who ever claimed that unionization, in itself, is a "universal and complete panacea," but the rhetoric was unchallenged.

Homer Ferguson, president Newport News Shipbuilding Company, who opposed trade unionism at the Institute of Public Affairs, is one of the few remaining employers who oppose unionism by bludgeon methods. No organized worker, if known as such, is permitted in his plant. The last union—iron molders—was driven out of his plant several years ago, after a protracted strike. Ferguson followed up his victory, it is claimed, by attempting to drive the unionists out of Newport News.

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Unemployment is "the great communal crime of our civilization," declared speakers at the Institute of Politics. As no aboriginal tribe returning home from a successful hunt would fail to find a way to distribute proceeds of the hunt, there is no reason why civilization should not find a way to abolish unemployment, it was asserted. While Secretary of Labor Davis was quoted as saying that 86 per cent of the American people are poor, it was maintained that poverty, in the most of the great resources of the United States, is an indictment of the nation and contrary to the ethics of its religion.

Fighting in a League of Nations commission on armaments, Americans and Canadians have just been finding out, if they don't know it, that Europe wants free reign to secretly make all the munitions that can be thrown together. The New World alliance succeeded in forcing publicity for the number and weight of armaments, privately made and state made, but they put it over by the skin of their teeth. Europe fought hard to keep secret forever the output of state-owned plants. It is gratifying to find that Americans fought for a measure of progress toward civilization and regrettable that they won only a shadow of victory. The Old World hates like anything to give up its old grudges.

Public utility interests maintain one of the highest paid and most efficient propaganda and publicity organizations in the country. This propaganda organization is busy wherever it sees a chance to boost the utilities' game, but it is especially active at Washington during sessions of Congress. It was this group that moved everything loose at one end during the time the Boulder Dam legislation was pending. Only the masterly handling of Senator Hiram Johnson and Congressman Swing prevented the killing of the measure. Even as it worked out there is a dangerous clause in the law. The Secretary of the Interior is to have the decision as to whether the power is to be handled by the government representing the people, for the benefit of the people, or shall it be delivered over to the power interests for the exploitation of the people? With the right Secretary of the Interior this may work out all right. One wonders what would have been the result had the Secretary of the Interior under the Harding administration had this decision to make.

## UNIONISM PROGRESSING

The trade union movement is going forward year after year. That was made very apparent on Labor Day this year. The aims, hopes and purposes of the organized workers are better understood by those on the outside today than they ever have been before in the history of the attempts of the workers to act as a unit and bargain collectively for betterments in their surroundings in the world of industry. And it is also true that their power to compel respectful consideration on the part of other elements of society is more fully appreciated by those other elements. Because of these changed conditions the rule of reason is more apparent in sources from which nothing could be expected but contempt and antagonism only a few brief years ago. The nation-wide hook-up by the National Broadcasting Company of Labor Day speeches by President Green and Secretary Morrison is significant. So is the trade union membership gain, the five-day week progress and the general acceptance of labor's high wage theory as the strongest factor contributing toward prosperity for all.

That labor is making steady and sure progress is apparent to all except those who refuse to see, and there is no use trying to persuade them to open their eyes.

These alone cling to ancient talismans that are abandoned and pet shibboleths that are discarded.

At no previous Labor Day could we announce more substantial progress or could we say wage earners assumed a more realistic attitude toward their problems—and their foes.

Never before has labor been more confident in itself; nor has it had such faith in trade union effort.

Labor has not changed its policy—former opponents have. Economic forces that are beyond man's control, have also aided labor.

The workers stand today as they always have—urging organization, education, mediation and arbitration.

In bygone days they were scorned as "step-at-a-timers" by revolutionists, and "refusing big problems" by the dilettante and so-called "liberals."

But they reckon with economic forces and the evolutionary character of our social organism. Principles they then urged are either written into the law of the land or they have met popular approval, while our critics and saviors are forgotten.

The progress of our movement is not sensational, because it appeals to reason, rather than emotion. It keeps step with the evolutionary forces in society. It attempts to advance only as fast as the collective intelligence of its members permits.

Its great purpose is to develop this intelligence and stir wage earners to latent powers through collective action.

In this our time-tested, weather-beaten trade unions stand apart from all other institutions. No other movement compares with organized labor.

The American labor movement is governed by the wage workers who have voluntarily come together in unions for their own mutual protection against wrongs in the industrial world and it has succeeded because it has never lost sight of the fact that it is a practical institution calculated to deal with the practical problems that come up in the daily affairs of the wage workers. Society on the outside was rather slow to recognize this fact and, therefore, for a long time viewed the efforts of the workers to organize with considerable suspicion and fear lest it be turned into an unsocial movement that would work injury to other elements of society. This idea, however, is being steadily dissipated by the practical achievements of the trade union movement in the interest of society as a whole, as was clearly indicated on last Monday throughout the length and breadth of the country.

## THE CHERRY TREE

Where with our Little Hatchet we tell the truth about many things, sometimes profoundly, sometimes flippantly, sometimes recklessly.

Harking back a few days ago to the remark made by Henry Ford when he said he would quit making automobiles if the saloon came back, this prophet puts on his beard and rises to remark that unless Henry quits making fool statements the country is going to take him much less seriously than has been its custom. In the first place, if Henry thinks there is a chance for the saloon to come back he is practically alone in holding that notion. The saloon's goose is cooked. There is a large amount of reason to believe that the United States will not always tolerate the bootlegger, but will return to sanity in the matter of cheering beverages. But that doesn't mean the saloon. To say that a proper use of drinkable liquor is incompatible with automobiles is to ignore the fact that the rest of the world gets along with both pleasures and is none the worse for it, but is, no doubt, the happier.

Ford is a living demonstration of the old thought that a man can be a good manufacturer and a bum philosopher.

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It has been demonstrated that a heart that is apparently dead, as the term is used, can be made to beat when stimulated by high frequency vibrations. Once these vibrations were thought to kill, now they revive.

Great progress is being made in the art of healing, particularly in the field of diseases that affect the aged. This is important and interesting. But the medicine men continue to neglect the diseases of the young—diseases, by the way, that scourge the wage-earning population. Whooping cough is a terror among children and it is not infrequently fatal. There are still doctors who laugh at it, call it necessary and let it go at that. This is but one malady in a group that gets little attention from the mighty scientists. The aged have gained more from medical research in the last decade than have the young. It would seem possible to broaden research so that, without robbing the aged of any of their hope, the young might be given a fair share of that hope, for they, too, are stricken and suffer greatly.

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Dispatches from overseas indicate that the British Labor Party is moving to the right, which means that it is moving toward something of a more conservative position. The British Labor Party is a federation, having conservative and very liberal, not to say radical, wings. It now is proposed to create a new class of memberships which will open the door to inclusion of great so-called middle class groups. This proposal is based upon the expectation that British Labor will alternate with the conservatives in governing in the future. It must be almost manifest that there cannot be any important broadening of membership without some yielding to a body of opinion less radical or revolutionary than the present ruling opinion within the Labor Party. But, in addition to that, power always begets conservatism and that reason, without any other, is sufficient to account for at least some turning to the right on the part of the Labor Party.

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## WIT AT RANDOM

In Delaware the educational authorities have decided that the girl students must wear stockings to school. It made the children laugh and play to see the calf at school.—Boston Herald.

Mr. Richman—"How do you like this place? Shall we buy it?"

His Wife—"Oh, it's perfectly lovely. The view from this balcony is so fine that it leaves me speechless."

"Then we'll buy it."—Answers (London).

"Do you understand what a debenture is?"

"Not yet," answered Farmer Corntassel. "One of my reasons for pushing our boy Josh through college is the hope that he'll get smart enough to explain it to the family."—Washington Star.

Two little boys came into the dentist's office. One said to the dentist, "I want a tooth took out and I don't want no gas because I'm in a hurry."

Dentist—"That's a brave little boy. Which tooth is it?"

Little Boy—"Show him your tooth, Albert."—Texas Ranger.

The flying field was crowded at the finish of the air race, and great was the astonishment when the winning plane descended and out of it stepped an unknown amateur. The representatives of the press surged forward.

"A wonderful achievement!" the spokesman shouted. "You've broken all records for a non-stop flight. How did you do it?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," the rank outsider answered, modestly, "I think luck had something to do with it. I didn't find out until about five minutes ago how to stop the darned thing."

Wanted—To sell or trade my brick residence, 2214 Fairview Road. Reason—need more rooms; had one child when moved in; now got four; good place.—Raleigh Evening Times.

Visitor—Isn't that the man who writes the daily forecasts for the papers?

Woman—Yes, but 'e ain't lookin' well lately. Weather ain't been agreein' with 'im.—London Opinion.

"Who's the absent-minded one now?" said the professor as they left the church one rainy night. "You left your umbrella back there and I not only remembered mine but I brought yours too." And he produced them from his coat.

His wife gazed blankly at him.

"But," said she, "neither of us brought one to church."—U. P. Magazine.

Two girls were quarreling. "Oh," said one, "I'm sick of you. I believe you can't help it, though. You've got a chauffeur's tongue!"

"What?" cried the other girl, scared. "Is it catching? How does one get it?"

"Oh," said the other pointedly, "through constantly running people down."

An enthusiastic fisherman was telling some friends about a proposed fishing trip to a lake in Scotland.

"Are there any trout there?" asked one friend.

"Tons!"

"Will they bite easily?"

"Will they? Why, they're absolutely vicious. A man has to hide behind a tree to bait a hook."

"Your uncle seems rather hard of hearing?"

"Hard of hearing! Why, once he conducted family prayers kneeling on the cat!"—Tit-Bits.

## LABOR QUERIES.

Questions and Answers on Labor: What it Has Done; Where It Stands on Problems of the Day; Its Aim and Program; Who's Who in the Ranks of the Organized Toilers, Etc., Etc.

Q.—Will the forthcoming Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor be the first Canadian convention of the Federation?

A.—No. The 1920 convention met at Montreal and the 1909 convention at Toronto.

Q.—What is the membership of the labor movement in Japan?

A.—The latest report of the Social Welfare Bureau of the Japanese Department of Home Affairs shows that at the end of last year there were 501 labor unions in Japan with a total membership of 308,900, including 12,010 women.

Q.—Who was Peter J. McGuire?

A.—Pioneer labor man, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the father of Labor Day. He suggested the first Labor Day celebration, held in New York City in 1882.

Q.—What important commission named by the Governor of New York is composed of trade unionists?

A.—The Governor's Labor Commission on Industrial Accidents and Their Prevention. It is a large permanent body which will campaign for industrial safety.

Q.—When did British workers get the right by law to form trade unions?

A.—In 1807.

## Golden Gate Swim • • •

Early in the morning of September 15, more than two hundred swimmers are expected to take to the icy waters in an effort to swim the Golden Gate.

For the winners of the event, known as the Fifth Annual Chronicle Golden Gate Swim, there are some fifty trophies—one for every four entries.

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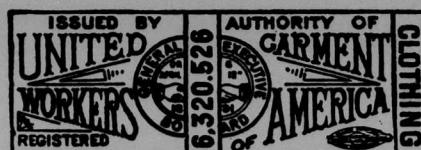
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## SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL

### Synopsis of Minutes of August 30, 1929.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President William Stanton.

Roll Call of Officers—Vice-president Baker excused.

Reading Minutes—Minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed in the Labor Clarion.

Credentials—From Waitresses No. 48, for Nellie Hooper, vice Marie Bodly. Delegates seated.

Communications—Filed: Minutes of the Building Trades Council. From San Francisco Bar Pilots enclosing check for Labor Day fund. From Waitresses No. 48, and Lithographers, inclosing donations for Labor Day Fund. From Civil Service Commission, stating that examinations will be held for General Clerks in the Civic Auditorium Tuesday, October 1st.

Reports of Unions—Electrical Workers No. 6 have issued a challenge for a pole climbing contest on Labor Day.

Auditing Committee—Reported favorably on all bills and warrants were ordered for same.

Report of Joint Labor Day Committee—Committee reported that all arrangements were completed for the celebration of Labor Day. All who take part in the celebration were advised to patronize the Municipal Railway.

Nominations for Delegate to the American Federation of Labor Convention—Delegate Sarah S. Hagen was placed in nomination. Motion to close nominations was carried, but will be re-opened Friday evening, September 6th.

Law and Legislative Committee—Will meet Wednesday evening, September 4th, to consider proposed ordinance for the inspection of food producing and food handling establishments, including inspection and certification of employees of such establishments.

Moved that the Law and Legislative Committee be instructed to investigate and report on the question for the establishment of a Municipal Court in San Francisco; motion carried.

Receipts—\$531.35. Expenses—\$594.00.  
Council adjourned at 8:40 p. m.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOHN A. O'CONNELL,  
Secretary.

P. S.—Members of affiliated unions are urged to demand the union label, card and button when making purchases, and to patronize the Municipal Railway whenever possible. J. O'C.

### MINUTES OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Trades Union Promotional League held their meeting August 21st, in Room 315, Labor Temple, 16th and Capp Sts.

Meeting was called to order at 8:20 p. m. by the president, Mrs. W. G. Desepte.

Roll Call—Two officers absent.

Minutes—Of the previous meeting read and approved.

Communications—Read and ordered filed.

Bills—OK'd by trustees and ordered paid.

Reports of Committees—All report very good progress.

Unfinished Business—The proof of our publicity sign was read and adopted.

New Business—New members given the obligation. Moved, seconded and carried that we have a Bunco party on September 14th, a Saturday evening, in the small banquet hall at the Labor Temple, 16th and Capp St. Refreshments will be served and score cards will be 25 cents. Many valuable prizes will be given. Come and bring your friends and help us along. Every one will be assured a pleasant evening.

With no further business to come before the Auxiliary, the meeting adjourned.

MRS. M. E. DECKER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

**EXTENSION COURSES.**

Courses to be offered for workers at University Extension Building, 540 Powell Street, San Francisco:

Blue Print Reading—This course will consist of the training necessary to read blueprints in the building and metal trades. Mr. G. C. Polson. Thursday, September 5th, 7 to 9 p. m. Fee \$6.

Merchant Vessels—Types of merchant vessels, their classification and development; marine power plant equipment and various types of drives, illustrated. Monday, September 16th, 6:30 to 8 p. m. Fee, \$6. Room 202, Prof. C. F. Gross.

Petroleum Production and Utilization—Exploration and prospecting for petroleum; methods of drilling; oil production methods; storage; testing and refining; natural gas production, etc. Monday, September 16th, 8 to 9:30 p. m. Fee, \$6. Room 105, Prof. W. S. Uren.

The Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures—This will include a study of materials and mixtures; placing and curing; strength and properties of concrete; use of special cements. Tuesday, September 17th, 6:30 to 8 p. m. Fee, \$6. Room 301, Asst. Prof. Geo. Troxell.

Airplane Transportation—Application of the airplane to commerce; history of aviation; government and state regulations; mail, express and passenger service; safety devices; government inspection and government aid in this country and abroad. Monday, September 23rd, 6:30 to 8 p. m. Fee, \$6. Room 206, Mr. A. G. Beggs.

Structural Design—Elementary graphic statics; design of steel and wood trusses; plate girder design; general principles governing lateral stability of buildings. Monday, September 16th, 6:30 p. m. Room 302, Prof. Norman B. Green.

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**Labor Council Directory**

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp Streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters' telephone —Market 56. (Please notify Clarion of any change.)

Alaska Fishermen—Meet Fridays during February, March, April and October, 49 Clay.

Asphalt Workers—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.

Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers No. 104—Meet Fridays, 224 Guerrero.

Auto Mechanics No. 13/5—Meet Wednesdays, 8 p. m., 108 Valencia.

Baggage Messengers—Meet 2nd Monday, 60 Market Sec., Robt. Berry, 1059 56th St., Oakland.

Bakers No. 24—Meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Labor Temple.

Bakery Wagon Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 112 Valencia.

Barbers No. 148—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, 112 Valencia.

Bill Posters No. 44—B. A. Brundage, 51 Rae.

Blacksmiths and Helpers—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Boltermakers No. 6—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Bookbinders—Office, room 804, 693 Mission. Meet 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.

Bottlers No. 293—Meet 3rd Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Bormakers and Sawyers—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Brewery Drivers—Meet 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.

Brewery Workmen No. 7—Meet 3rd Thursday, Labor Temple.

Bridge & Structural Iron Workers No. 377—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Butchers No. 115—Meet Wednesday, Labor Temple.

Butchers No. 508—Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays, Masonic Hall, Third and Newcomb Sts.

Carpenters No. 483—Meets Mondays, 112 Valencia.

Cemetery Workers—Meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Labor Temple.

**OLDER MEN ARE SAFER.**

Older men employed as factory workers in Michigan experience fewer compensable injuries than younger men, according to the State Department of Labor and Industry.

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**WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST**

The concerns named below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

Alhambra Theatre.

American Tobacco Company.

Austin's Shoe Stores.

Block, J., Butcher, 1351 Taraval.

Bella Roma Cigar Co.

Castro Theatre

Co-Op Manufacturing Company.

Embassy Theatre

Ernest J. Sultan Mfg. Co.

E. Goss & Co., Cigar Mnfrs., 113 Front.

Foster's Lunches.

Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of Dreadnaught and Bodyguard Overalls.

Great Western Tea Company, 2388 Mission. Manning's, Inc., Coffee and Sandwich Shops. Market Street R. R.

Mann Manufacturing Company, Berkeley.

National Biscuit Co., Chicago, products.

Purity Chain Stores.

Regent Theatre.

Royal Theatre

Steinberg's Shoe Store, 1600 Fillmore.

Steinberg's Shoe Store, 2650 Mission.

The Mutual Stores Co.

Torino Bakery, 2823 Twenty-third.

Traung Label & Litho Co.

Union Furniture Co., 2075 Mission.

All Barber Shops open on Sunday are unfair.

Laundry Workers No. 26—Meet 1st and 3rd Mondays, Labor Temple.

Letter Carriers—Sec., Thos. P. Tierney, 635a Castro. Meets 1st Saturday, 414 Mason.

Lithographers No. 17—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 273 Golden Gate Ave.

Machinists No. 68—Meet Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Mailers No. 18—Meet 3rd Sundays, Labor Temple. Secretary, A. F. O'Neill, 771 17th Ave.

Marine Diesel Engineers No. 49—Bulkhead, Pier No. 1.

Material Teamsters No. 216—Meet Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Masters, Mates & Pilots No. 40—H. F. Strother, Ferry Building.

Masters, Mates & Pilots No. 89—A. J. Wallace, Bulkhead Pier No. 7.

Metal Polishers—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Milk Wagon Drivers—Meet Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 131 Eighth.

Molders No. 164—Meet Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Molders' Auxiliary—Meet 1st Friday.

Moving Picture Operators—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 230 Jones.

Municipal Sewermen No. 534—200 Guerrero.

Musicians No. 6—Meet 2nd Thursday, Ex. Board, Tuesday, 230 Jones.

Office Employees—Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Ornamental Plasterers 460—Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Painters No. 19—Meets Mondays, 200 Guerrero.

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Patternmakers—Meet 2nd and 4th Fridays, Labor Temple.

Post Office Clerks—Meet 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.

Post Office Laborers—Sec., W. T. Colbert, 278 Lexington.

Pavers—Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Paste Makers No. 10567—Meet last Saturday of month, 441 Broadway.

Photo Engravers—Meet 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Post Office Clerks—Meet 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.

Post Office Laborers—Sec., W. T. Colbert, 278 Lexington.

Printers No. 19—Meets Mondays, 200 Guerrero.

Printing Pressmen—Office, 231 Stevenson. Meets 2nd Monday, Labor Temple.

Professional Embalmers—Sec., Geo. Monahan, 765 Page.

Retail Cleaners and Dyers No. 18021—Moe Davis, 862 Third.

Retail Shoe Salesmen No. 410—Meet Tuesdays, 273 Golden Gate Ave.

Retail Delivery Drivers—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Sailors' Union of the Pacific—Meets Mondays, 59 Clay.

Sailmakers—Sec., Horace Kelly, 2558 29th Ave. Meets 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.

Sausage Makers—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 3053 Sixteenth.

Shipyard Laborers—Meet 1st Friday, Labor Temple.

Stationary Engineers No. 64—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Stationary Firemen—Meet 1st Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Steam Fitters No. 590—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple.

Steam Shovel Men No. 45—Meet 1st Saturday, 268 Market.

Stereotypers and Electrotypers—Meet 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.

Stove Mounters No. 61—Sec., Manuel De Salles, R. F. D. 7, Niles, Cal.

Stove Mounters No. 62—J. J. Kerlin, 1534 29th Ave., Oakland, Cal.

Street Carmen, Div. 518—Meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.

Tailors No. 80—Office, Room 416, 163 Sutter Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.

Teamsters No. 85—Meet Thursdays, 536 Bryant Technical Engineers No. 11—John Coughlan, 70 Lennox Way.

Theatrical Stage Employees—Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 230 Jones.

Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants—Sec., Mrs. Miller, 1610 Lyon.

Trackmen—Meet 4th Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Trade Union Promotional League (Label Section) Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple, MArket 7560.

Typographical No. 21—Office, 16 First. Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.

United Laborers No. 1—Meet Tuesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Upholsterers No. 28—Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor Temple.

Watchmen No. 15689—Sec., E. Counihan, 106 Bosworth.

Waiters No. 30—Wednesdays, 3 p. m., 1256 Market.

Waitresses No. 48—Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8 p. m., 2nd and last at 3 p. m., 117 Market.

Water Workers—Sec., Thos. Dowd, 214 27th St. Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Wen Pressmen—Meet 4th Sunday, Labor Temple.

Window Cleaners No. 44—Meet 1st Thursdays at 7:30 p. m., Labor Temple.

## Brief Items of Interest

The following members of San Francisco unions died since last reports: Achille Buzzotto of the musicians; George E. Clark of the painters; Nicholas Holz of the butchers; John Johnson of the asbestos workers; Frank Raye of the electrical workers; Harry C. Peterson of the plumbers; John E. Cooper of the stage employees; William Hoye of the pile drivers.

The Journeyman Tailors' Union will celebrate its fifty-sixth anniversary with a social dance on Saturday evening, September 21st. Besides the dance there will be several entertainment features and music will be furnished by Peter Walter's orchestra. The affair will be held at California Hall, Hurk and Polk streets. Tickets will be 50 cents and there will be a number of valuable door prizes. The proceeds go into the sick fund of the organization.

William Conboy, who is doing organization work for the International Teamsters' Union, reports that Stockton will shortly be very much back on the trade union map as a consequence of present activity of the different organizations, the molders being particularly busy at the present time in bringing craftsmen into the fold.

A large delegation of barbers, headed by Roe Baker, vice-president of the International Barbers' Union, left for the Indianapolis convention of the organization last Tuesday morning in a special car. There were more than a hundred of them and they expect to put Baker over as secretary of the International to fill the vacancy caused by the resigna-

tion of Jacob Fisher who retired because of ill health.

The Civil Service Commission announces that examinations will be held in the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, October 1st. Those desiring to take the examination should get blanks and file their applications as soon as possible.

At the last meeting of the Labor Council nominations were opened for delegate to the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor, and Sarah S. Hagan of the Garment Workers was the only nominee. If there be no other nominations at the meeting this evening Miss Hagan will doubtless be declared elected by acclamation and given credentials for the big gathering in the Canadian city.

Proceedings of the recent convention of the Culinary Workers in Kansas City show that the name of the organization was changed so as to read Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Beverage Dispensers' International Alliance. They also voted to exclude communists from membership in the organization in the future. The old officers were elected without opposition in most cases, Robert Hesketh of Seattle, who has served as secretary-treasurer since the death of Jere L. Sullivan, continuing in that position. Hugo Ernst of this city was also reelected as vice-president.

Headquarters of the Stationary Firemen and Oilers' Union have now been moved from Omaha to Chicago by Joseph W. Morton, new secretary-treasurer of the organization. Communications to the International Union should, therefore, be addressed to the Windy City in future.

Walter G. Mathewson, State Labor Commissioner, has established a full time office of his department at Stockton, instead of the part time heretofore in vogue. Charles J. Crook, member of Stockton stereotypers and former secretary of the Central Labor Council in that city, and also for a term or two one of the vice-presidents of the California State Federation of Labor, has been placed in charge.

### WELDERS DENIED SINGLE UNION.

The American Federation of Labor Executive Council denied a charter to an independent organization of acetylene welders. American Federation of Labor conventions have ruled that the welders affiliate with the craft in which they are employed.

The welding system is being introduced in all trades and the Executive Council considered the application a challenge to the conventions as not meeting developments and claiming welding is a distinct craft. The Executive Council discussed the revolutionary changes in the methods and the displacement of labor which has been brought about by acetylene welding. It was declared that this system makes previous declarations all the more warranted, and that the welders should not be recognized as a separate craft.

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### ADMISSION DAY PLANS COMPLETE.

Spectacular Parade of Ten Divisions Will Thrill Thousands at Santa Cruz, Monday, September Ninth.

The general three-day celebration of the seventy-ninth anniversary of California's admission into the Union will be celebrated at Santa Cruz beginning Saturday, September 7th, with outdoor vaudeville at the beach and dancing at the Casino and on Cooper street. Sunday will be taken up with a golf tournament, drum corps competition and a baseball game for the benefit of the Homeless Children, and on Monday a monster parade by Native Sons and Daughters from all sections of the State will start at 10:30 A. M. In the afternoon another baseball game will be played and the various Parlors will hold open house with dancing as the main diversion.

Admission Day being a State legal holiday the banks and all State institutions will be closed and in San Francisco the majority of the wholesale and retail houses will observe the holiday, although according to Charles F. Wolters, chairman of publicity, "There are still some concerns that sing the verse of 'I Love You, California,' but when it comes to the chorus it changes to 'I Love the Dollar More'; yet we still acclaim 'We're the greatest State of all'."

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